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TABLETS BY PRESSING AND TABLET S
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In full response to the final office action mailed July 20, 2001, applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS:

11. (Amended) A method of producing a tablet including live bacteria comprising the steps:

a) mixing at least one strain of said live bacteria with at least one fructose oligosaccharide to form a mixture,

b) pressing said mixture into a tablet employing a force sufficient to form said tablet having a friability of between 0.1 and 1.0 while maintaining at least about 60% viability of said bacteria. *new max 0.3*

12. The method of claim 11 wherein said fructose oligosaccharide is present in an amount of about 40-99.5% by weight of said tablet.